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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION

UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN Texas milk production totaled 650 million pounds during May, up 11 percent from last year's production of 586 million pounds. April 2006 production totaled 635 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during May averaged 330,000 head, up 10,000 head from last year and up 2,000 from the April 2006 number. Production per cow averaged 1,970 pounds during May, up 8 percent from last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 3 percent from production in these same states in May 2005. April revised production, at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from April 2005.

Production per cow during May averaged 1,782 pounds, 22 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.26 million head, 128,000 head more than last year and 19,000 head more than April 2006.